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- 1) 11-341376
- 2) 2001-136140
- 3) 01-245720
- 4) 09-181527

References 1) - 4) include an English language abstract. Reference 1) also includes a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the specification at page 1, line 10.

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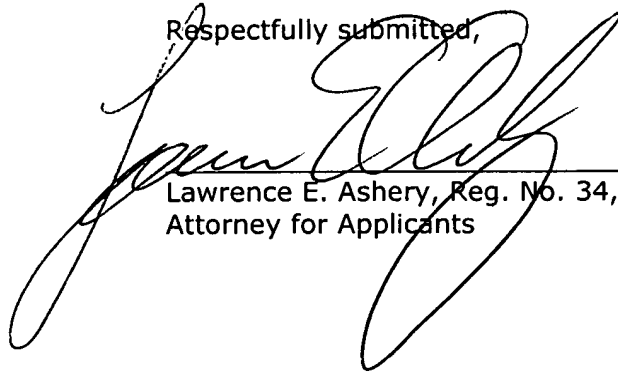
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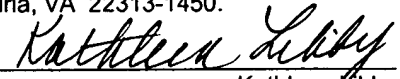
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